GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme for procurement of Bengal gram under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during Rabi2019-20 –Orders -Issued.

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AGRICULTURE&COOPERATION (MKTG-II)DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 61 Dated: 02-06-2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.40, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies(CS.I) Department, dated:24.9.2007.
2. G.O.MS.NO.3, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies(CS.I) Department, dated:06-02-2014.
3. G.O.MS.NO.15, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies(CS.I) Department, dated:31-10-2014.
4. Minimum support price declared by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for Rabi 2019-20 season.
5. From MD, A.P MARKFED, letter no P&M/Bengal gram/MSP/Rabi 2019-20, dated:14-05-2020.

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O R D E R:

In the Government Order 1st read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Bengalgram were issued and communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 5th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, as per the Department of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture statistics division reports, during Rabi 2020 the Bengal gram was cultivated in an area of 4.75 lakh Ha and total expected production is 632429 M.Ts. Due to bumper production. The Bengal gram Market prices reported below MSP. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Bengal gram is Rs.4875 per Qtl.

3. Further, the M.D., A.P.Markfed informed that, the GOI permitted to implement PSS operations and sanctioned to procure 1,27,925 MTs of Bengal gram at MSP on behalf of Central Agencies. Accordingly, A.P. Markfed has opened 197 number of procurement centers in 8 districts and completely procured the GOI sanctioned quantity of 1,27,925 M.Ts. Still Bengal gram Market prices are reporting below MSP.

3. In view of Bengal gram market prices reporting below MSP even after procuring GOI sanctioned quantities, and on receipt of representations from farmers and public representatives for continuation of Bengal gram purchases, the Managing Director, AP Markfed has submitted proposal seeking sanction for procurement of 70,000M.Ts of Bengalgram at MSP during Rabi 2019-20 under State pool. The M.D. AP Markfed has requested to arrange the required funds from Price Stabilisation Fund.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal submitted by the Managing Director and considering the hardship of farmers in disposal of the Bengal gram, hereby permitting the A.P. MARKFED to procure 70,000M.Ts of Bengalgram under MSP operations during the Rabi 2019-20. The A.P.MARKFED shall open the required number of purchase centers.

5. The MSP fixed by the Government of the India for the Rabi crop 2019-20 for FAQ Bengal gram is 4875per Qtl shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency.

6. The procurement period will be from 15.05.2020 to 30.06.2020.

7. The required procurement centers to meet the demand will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given Department of Agriculture. In view of the current health related lockdown owing to COVID-19, the Markfed is directed to take up the procurement in a decentralised manner by going up to village /cluster level duly carrying out a thorough micro level planning.

8. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Karshak portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2019-20.

9. The Government have also decided to involve good working District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSs), Village and FPO's Organizations to give facility to the farmers to market their produce nearer to the village and also to reduce congestion at the Agricultural Market Yards / Sub yards.

10. The Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc., in the Market Yards and Sub-Yards and also at the identified procurement centres of DCMS/ PACS/Vos/FPO'S. The Nodal Agency, the A.P.MARKFED shall also inspect and ensure the availability of the necessary equipments at the procurement centers well in advance in order to make availability of such equipments at the time of procurement.

11. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P. MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Bengal gram on MSP from Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers, the A.P Markfed is permitted to raise loans from NABARD/NCDC/Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government PSF.

12. At the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with JDA, PD DRDA, DCO, DSO, AD Mktg. District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Bengal gram. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation /Gunnies rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same is not finalised by State Level Committee.

13. The Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in implementation of Bengal gram MSP operations.

14. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Bengal gram. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC/ shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement / receipts.

15. The payments of money to the farmers should be done by online payments only.

16. Commission @ 2.5 on the procurement of Bengal gram will be provided to the procuring agency ie A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

17. After completion of Bengal gram procurement in State Government Account, the A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to take a decision about the disposal of the procured Bengal gram stocks.

18. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on actual basis which include godown charges, packing material, loading /unloading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges etc.

19. After disposal of the stocks the Managing Director A.P MARKFED shall submit the final accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. difference between the disposal by A.P. MARKFED shall be borne by the State Government from PSF.

20. The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY
SPECIAL SECRECTARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Guntur.
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada
Copy to:-
All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers.
The PS to Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, A.P.
The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), A.P., Velagapudi.
The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agri., Mktg. & Coop., Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER